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COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Azerbaijan: amendment to draft resolution A/52/L.38

Replace operative paragraph 16 by the following:

16. Fully supports the activities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to achieve a peaceful solution to the conflict in and around the Nagorny Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and welcomes cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in this regard;

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Lesotho: draft resolution

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991, 47/154 of 18 December 1992, 48/197 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 E of 20 December 1994, 50/58 A of 12 December 1995 and 51/30 B of 5 December 1996,

Taking note of the presidential statement of 30 July 1997[1] in which the Security Council, inter alia, welcomed the successful holding of presidential and legislative elections in Liberia on 19 July 1997, noted with satisfaction the declaration in the Joint Certification Statement by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States that the electoral process had been free, fair and credible and that the outcome of the elections reflected the will of the Liberian people,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[2]

Commending the Liberian people on their courage, determination and resolve in proceeding with the elections under difficult circumstances,

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[1] S/PRST/1997/41.

[2] A/52/678.

Commending also the concerted and determined efforts of the Economic Community of West African States, the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations in restoring peace, security and stability in Liberia,

1. Expresses its gratitude to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their assistance and support for the Liberian peace process, and urges that such assistance be continued;

2. Calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to focus attention on the need to provide continued support to Liberia following the successful completion of the peace process so as to promote a culture of sustained peace in Liberia;

3. Also calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide assistance to Liberia in keeping with the "Agenda for Rebuilding Liberia" as submitted by the Government of Liberia during the Fourth Special Ministerial Meeting of the ad hoc Special Conference on Liberia, held at United Nations Headquarters on 3 October 1997, under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General;[1]

4. Urges the Government of Liberia to establish conditions essential to the socio-economic development of Liberia by honouring its pronouncement to uphold the rule of law, national reconciliation and the promotion of human rights as a national policy;

5. Commends the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts to mobilize relief and rehabilitation assistance for Liberia, and requests him:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Liberia in its reconstruction and development;

(b) To undertake, as soon as possible, in close collaboration with the Government of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs, with the objective of holding a round-table conference of donors for the reconstruction and development of Liberia;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to consider at its fifty-third session the question of international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.

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Lesotho: draft resolution

International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions appealing to the international community to continue to render material, technical and financial assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

Recalling also that the Security Council, in its resolutions 922 (1994) of 31 May 1994, 932 (1994) of 30 June 1994, 945 (1994) of 29 September 1994, 952 (1994) of 27 October 1994, 966 (1994) of 8 December 1994, 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995 and 1008 (1995) of 7 August 1995, in the presidential statements on Angola of 11 May 1995[1] and 12 October 1995,[2] and in other resolutions on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, had, inter alia, requested the international community to render assistance to Angola,

Stressing that the establishment of the Government of Unity and National Reconciliation is an important step towards fostering peace and stability, thus

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[1] Official Records of the Security Council, Fiftieth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1995, document S/PRST/1995/27.

[2] Ibid., document S/PRST/1995/51.

creating favourable conditions for the country's economic and social rehabilitation,

Aware that Angola is recovering from a devastating war and that, in view of the country's present situation, it is necessary to continue to provide substantial international assistance which is comprehensive and integrated and which, inter alia, where appropriate, links the resettlement programmes to the social reintegration programmes, in order to further strengthen the reconstruction and development movement,

Welcoming the results of the first Round-Table Conference of Donors, held at Brussels from 25 to 27 September 1995, conducted in a spirit of reconciliation and intended to mobilize funds for the Community Rehabilitation and National Reconciliation Programme, and aware of the important role to be played by the international community in assisting Angola in rehabilitating its economy, its basic and social infrastructures, as well as the development of human resources,

Emphasizing that the demobilization and social and economic reintegration of demobilized combatants is essential to the establishment of lasting peace and development in Angola,

Stressing the need to strengthen the process of demining of all roads, as well as areas of productive activities, by means of appropriate international assistance and the continued commitment of all parties in Angola,

Noting that States, the relevant United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations have mobilized and allocated resources to support Angola in its efforts,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in Angola,[3]

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of 3 November 1997;[3]

2. Encourages the Government of Angola to do everything possible to ensure the comprehensive and effective application of the Peace Accords for Angola[4] with a view to restoring peace and stability in that country, thus creating conditions conducive to its economic rehabilitation;

3. Expressing its gratitude to all States, United Nations organizations and other donors for the substantial humanitarian assistance rendered to Angola, and appeals for continued and generous contributions in support of humanitarian activities facilitating the current transition to peace;

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[3] A/52/563.

[4] Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1991, document S/22609.

4. Requests all Governments and international and private institutions that pledged financial contributions at the Round-Table Conference of Donors to support the consolidation of the peace and democratization process in Angola by honouring their commitments within the framework of an effective partnership with the Government of Angola;

5. Encourages the Government of Angola to continue its programme of economic rehabilitation, in particular by carrying out the Community Rehabilitation and National Reconciliation Programme, and to address the social, economic and financial crisis which the country is currently undergoing;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international community, to continue to mobilize organizations and organs of the United Nations system in order to ensure an appropriate level of economic assistance for Angola;

7. Pays tribute to all Governments, non-governmental organizations and United Nations specialized agencies involved in the mine-action programme in Angola, and requests the international community to consider increasing its support in this domain;

8. Urges Member States and other donors to support the Secretary-General's consolidated inter-agency appeal in the amount of two hundred and twenty-eight million, four hundred thousand United States dollars, in order to meet the needs of the most vulnerable population groups;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. Decides to consider the question of international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola at its fifty-fourth session.

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Lesotho: draft resolution

Emergency assistance to the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/8 of 18 October and 43/52 of 6 December 1988, 44/12 of 24 October 1989, 45/226 of 21 December 1990, 46/178 of 19 December 1991, 47/162 of 18 December 1992, 48/200 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 K of 20 December 1994, 50/58 J of 22 December 1995 and 51/30 I of 17 December 1996 on assistance to the Sudan,

Noting the declining contributions to the 1997 consolidated inter-agency appeal for Operation Lifeline Sudan despite the progress made in the Operation, and noting also that considerable relief needs still remain to be addressed, in particular in the areas of non-food assistance, including assistance to combat malaria, and for logistics, emergency recovery, rehabilitation and development,

Recognizing the need in emergency situations to address the continuum of relief, rehabilitation and development so as to reduce dependence on external food aid and other relief services,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

1. Acknowledges with appreciation the cooperation by the Government of the Sudan with the United Nations, including the agreements and arrangements achieved to facilitate relief operations towards improvement of United Nations

[1] A/52/525.

assistance to affected areas, and encourages the continuation of that cooperation;

2. Stresses the need for Operation Lifeline Sudan to be operated with a view to ensuring its efficiency, transparency and effectiveness, with the full participation of the Government of the Sudan in its management and operation, including conducting of assessment, allocation, distribution and evaluation processes, as well as consultations in the preparation of the consolidated annual inter-agency appeal for the Operation;

3. Stresses also that Operation Lifeline Sudan should operate within the principle of national sovereignty and the framework of international cooperation in accordance with relevant national and international law;

4. Calls upon the international community to continue to contribute generously to the emergency needs, recovery and development of the country;

5. Urges the international community to give priority to assistance for the rehabilitation of roads, railways and airports and to provision of means of road transport in order to facilitate relief supplies to the affected areas;

6. Calls upon the donor community and the organizations of the United Nations system to provide financial, technical and medical assistance, guided by the actions called for by the General Assembly in its relevant resolutions to combat malaria and other epidemics in the Sudan;

7. Welcomes the signing in April 1997 of the Peace Agreement between the Government and many factions of the rebel movement for the achievement of peace in the Sudan, and encourages the remaining faction to join the peace process so as to establish durable peace and stability in the country and to facilitate relief efforts;

8. Urges the international community to support the programmes of rehabilitation, settlement and integration of returnees, refugees and the internally displaced;

9. Stresses the importance of assuring safe access for personnel providing relief assistance to all in need, and the importance of strict observance of the principles and guidelines of Operation Lifeline Sudan;

10. Urges all parties involved to continue to offer all feasible assistance, including facilitating the movement of relief supplies and personnel, so as to guarantee maximum success of Operation Lifeline Sudan in all affected parts of the country, with special emphasis on national capacity-building in the humanitarian field for governmental and non-governmental organizations;

11. Also urges all the parties to the conflict to desist from using anti-personnel mines, and calls upon the international community to refrain from supplying mines to the parties of the conflict and to provide the Government of the Sudan with financial and technical assistance in mine clearance;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize and coordinate resources and support for Operation Lifeline Sudan and to report on the emergency situation in the affected areas and the recovery, rehabilitation and development of the country to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

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Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

International assistance to and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the resolutions in which it emphasizes and acknowledges the importance of international, bilateral and multilateral economic, financial and technical support, cooperation and assistance for peacekeeping and post-conflict peace-building in Central America, in particular its resolutions 50/58 B of 12 December 1995 and 50/132 of 20 December 1995, which provide a frame of reference for international assistance to and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America, in support of national efforts to make the region a zone of peace, freedom, democracy and development,

Considering the relevant resolutions on assistance for mine clearance and the need to eliminate all mines and other unexploded devices in Central America with a view to restoring normal conditions for comprehensive development throughout the region,

Reaffirming that advances in consolidating democracy, sustainable development, justice and social equity, taking into account the gender

perspective and regional integration, are mutually reinforcing dynamic objectives which are indispensable to a firm and lasting peace in Central America,

Stressing the importance of the new programme for the sustainable development of Central America and the setting of national and regional priorities in the political, economic, social, cultural and environmental spheres and in the areas of public security and regional integration,

Stressing also the importance and effectiveness of the commitments undertaken by the Central American Presidents at various regional summit meetings, in particular those which constitute the global framework for promoting and consolidating peace, democracy and sustainable development in Central America,

Reaffirming the need to continue focusing attention on the situation in Central America in support of regional efforts to overcome the underlying causes of the conflicts and to continue strengthening the process aimed at consolidating a firm and lasting peace in the region,

Recognizing the valuable and effective contribution made by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, the donor community and the Regional Consultative Group for Central America of the Inter-American Development Bank, and the importance of the political dialogue and cooperation taking place between the European Union and Central America and the joint initiative of the industrialized countries of the Group of Twenty-four and the Group of Three (Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela) in the progress made towards consolidating peace, democracy and sustainable development in Central America, and in the implementation of the new regional development programme,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on international assistance to and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America,[1] which describes the activities implemented since January 1995 in support of efforts by Central American countries to implement the new sustainable development programme in the region;

2. Emphasizes the importance of supporting and strengthening the new programme for international economic, financial and technical cooperation and assistance for Central America geared to the new circumstances in the region and based on the priorities laid down in the new sustainable development programme for the region;

3. Notes with satisfaction the efforts and achievements relating to mine clearance in Central America, and appeals to the organs of the United Nations system and to the international community, and in particular to the Secretary-General, to continue providing the material, technical and financial support needed by the Central American Governments to complete mine-clearance activities in the region, including those activities among the priorities of the new programme of international assistance to and cooperation with Central America;

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[1] A/52/297.

4. Stresses the importance of international economic, financial and technical cooperation and assistance, both bilateral and multilateral, in supporting the efforts of the Central American Governments to implement the new programme for the sustainable development of Central America;

5. Welcomes the establishment in 1996 of the new subregional cooperation programme in Central America of the United Nations Development Programme focusing on peace and democratic governance, strengthening of the rule of law, economic and social development and the environment and sustainable development, and recognizes the importance of the support provided by the Global Environment Facility for the implementation of the commitments undertaken by the Central American countries in international conventions on the environment;

6. Notes with satisfaction the signing by the Central American Governments of regional conventions on biodiversity, climate change, natural and man-made forests and on the prohibition of imports of toxic substances and waste, and calls upon the international community to continue supporting the Central American Governments in their efforts to continue complying with the commitments they have undertaken in those conventions;

7. Again stresses the need for the international community to maintain its cooperation with the Central American countries and to provide them with the necessary financial resources, in a sustained manner and on soft terms, with a view to promoting effectively the economic growth and development of the region;

8. Supports the decision of the Central American Governments to concentrate their efforts on the implementation of updated programmes with strategies for sustainable human development in previously determined priority areas, which help to consolidate peace and remedy social inequalities, extreme poverty and the social explosion;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and regional and subregional organizations to continue providing the support needed to attain the objectives of the new programme for the sustainable development of Central America;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution;

11. Decides to consider at its fifty-third session the question of international assistance to and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America.

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Ukraine: draft resolution

Economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 48/210 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 A of 2 December 1994, 50/58 E of 12 December 1995 and 51/30 A of 5 December 1996 on economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/30 A[1] and of the conclusions and recommendations contained therein,

1. Expresses concern at the persisting special economic problems confronting neighbouring and other States affected by the consequences of the severance of their economic relations with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia during the period when the sanctions were in force and during the period following the lifting of the sanctions, taking into account their long-term adverse impact on the economies of those States;

[1] A/52/535.

2. Reaffirms the need for a continuing concerted response from the international community to deal in a more effective manner with the special economic problems of the affected States in view of the magnitude of the sanctions and their long-term effects;

3. Renews its invitation to all States and the relevant international organizations both within and outside the United Nations system, in particular the international financial institutions, to continue to take into consideration the special needs of the affected States in providing assistance to them during the period following the lifting of the sanctions;

4. Encourages the affected States of the region to continue the process of multilateral regional cooperation in such fields as cross-border infrastructure projects and the promotion of trade and investment, thus alleviating the adverse impact of the sanctions;

5. Urges the relevant international organizations to take appropriate steps in order to broaden access for suppliers from the affected countries and to ensure their active participation in the process of post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation of the former Yugoslavia;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay:
draft resolution

Security of humanitarian personnel

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on strengthening the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned by the proliferation in the last few years of conflicts and other emergencies which have dramatically increased the loss of human lives, suffering of victims, flows of refugees and other displaced persons, as well as material destruction,

Conscious of the need for the international community to assist and protect the affected civilian population, including refugees and other displaced persons, in situations of conflict and other emergencies,

Conscious also of the great importance of humanitarian and other recovery assistance in post-conflict situations, the voluntary return and reintegration of refugees and other displaced persons, the return to civilian life of former combatants and the re-establishment of respect for human rights,

Recalling in this context the statement by the President of the Security Council of 19 June 1997[1] on protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations,

Noting the important role that a permanent international criminal court could play in bringing to justice those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law, and welcoming in this regard the decision by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/207 of 17 December 1996 to hold a diplomatic conference in 1998 with a view to finalizing and adopting a convention on the establishment of a permanent international criminal court,

Aware that most humanitarian operations are implemented through close cooperation among personnel of United Nations agencies, other international organizations, Governments and non-governmental organizations,

Commending the courage of those who take part in humanitarian operations, often at great personal risk,

Deploring the rising toll of casualties among humanitarian personnel in conflicts and in post-conflict situations, as well as the physical violence and harassment to which those participating in humanitarian operations are too frequently exposed,

1. Strongly stresses the urgent need to ensure respect for and promote the principles and norms of international humanitarian law, including those related to the security of humanitarian personnel, both international and local;

2. Strongly condemns any act or failure to act which obstructs or prevents humanitarian personnel from discharging their humanitarian functions, or which entails their being subjected to threats, the use of force or physical attack frequently resulting in injury or death;

3. Calls upon all Governments and parties in situations of conflict or other emergencies, including post-conflict situations, to cooperate fully with humanitarian agencies and organizations and guarantee the unimpeded and safe access of humanitarian personnel in order to allow them to efficiently perform their task of assisting the affected civilian population, including refugees and other displaced persons;

4. Demands that all Governments and parties take all possible measures to ensure that the lives and well-being of humanitarian personnel are respected and protected;

5. Urges all States to ensure that any threat or act of violence committed against humanitarian personnel on their territory is properly investigated and to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the perpetrators of such acts are prosecuted;

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[1] S/PRST/1997/34.

6. Welcomes the opportunity to discuss the respect for and security of humanitarian personnel at the First Periodical Meeting on International Humanitarian Law, to be held at Geneva in January 1998, and invites all States parties to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 to take an active part in that meeting;

7. Calls upon all States to become parties to the relevant international instruments, in particular to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel of 9 December 1994,[2] and to respect their provisions fully;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to present a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the security situation of all humanitarian personnel and measures to be taken to improve it, taking into account the views of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, other relevant humanitarian actors as well as the United Nations Security Coordinator.

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[2] General Assembly resolution 49/59, annex.

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Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Colombia, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan: draft resolution

Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation in Tajikistan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/30 J of 25 April 1997,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 1113 (1997) of 12 June 1997, 1128 (1997) of 12 September 1997 and 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 17 October 1997,[1]

Welcoming the successful conclusion of the inter-Tajik talks, conducted under United Nations auspices since 1994, with the signing in Moscow on 27 June 1997 by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the leader of the United Tajik Opposition of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan,[2] and welcoming also the progress made by the parties in the implementation of the General Agreement and the effective maintenance of the ceasefire between them since December 1996,

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[1] A/52/500.

[2] A/52/219-S/1997/510, annex I.

Commending the efforts of the United Nations, in particular those of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Tajikistan and of the personnel of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, in assisting the parties in the implementation of the General Agreement,

Noting the requests of the parties, contained in the General Agreement and in the letter dated 27 June 1997 from the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the leader of the United Tajik Opposition addressed to the Secretary-General,[3] for the further assistance of the United Nations in implementing the General Agreement, and recognizing that the implementation of the Agreement will require the consistent good faith and constant effort of the parties, as well as the sustained and vigorous support of the United Nations and the international community,

Noting also that, despite the successful conclusion of the inter-Tajik talks and the efforts of the Government of Tajikistan to allocate limited resources to returning refugees and displaced persons, the economic situation in Tajikistan remains bleak and essential social services are largely dysfunctional, making a large percentage of the population extremely vulnerable,

Bearing in mind the close interrelationship between ensuring peace and achieving national reconciliation in Tajikistan and the ability of the country to meet the humanitarian needs of its people and to take effective steps towards the rapid revitalization of the economy, and reaffirming the urgent need to assist Tajikistan in its efforts to restore basic services and the infrastructure of the country,

Expressing concern that the security situation in parts of Tajikistan remains volatile,

Deeply concerned about the danger posed by landmines in Tajikistan,

Welcoming the completion of the voluntary repatriation of Tajik refugees from northern Afghanistan, and stressing the importance of ensuring the voluntary return, in safety and dignity, of all refugees and internally displaced persons to their places of permanent residence,

Expressing its appreciation to the States, United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and all relevant humanitarian organizations, agencies and non-governmental organizations, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, that have responded and continue to respond positively to the humanitarian needs of Tajikistan,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations set out therein;

2. Welcomes the efforts aimed at achieving peace and national reconciliation in Tajikistan, and encourages the parties to implement fully the

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[3] S/1997/508, annex.

General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan;[2]

3. Welcomes with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General in drawing the attention of the international community to the acute humanitarian problems of Tajikistan and in mobilizing assistance for the implementation of the General Agreement and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country;

4. Notes that the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan adopted by the Security Council in its resolution 1138 (1997) authorizes the Mission to coordinate United Nations assistance to Tajikistan during the transition period, and welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to appoint the United Nations Resident Coordinator as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General;[4]

5. Welcomes the convening by the Secretary-General at Vienna on 24 and 25 November 1997 of a donor conference to obtain international support dedicated to the implementation of the General Agreement, in particular, in the areas of political reconciliation and democratization, the demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants and the reform of power structures, and the repatriation and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons, and encourages Member States and others concerned to respond promptly and generously to ensure that this opportunity is not lost to contribute to the success of the peace process;

6. Encourages Member States and others concerned to respond both promptly and generously to the current consolidated inter-agency donor alert on the urgent humanitarian needs of Tajikistan;

7. Welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to prepare a full-scale consolidated inter-agency appeal for humanitarian assistance to Tajikistan for a period of 12 months beginning in January 1998;

8. Calls upon the parties to ensure the safety, security and freedom of movement of United Nations and other international humanitarian personnel;

9. Encourages the parties to cooperate in order to reduce the threat from the indiscriminate use of landmines to the civil population of Tajikistan and to the provision of humanitarian assistance;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in Tajikistan and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

11. Decides to consider at its fifty-third session the question of the situation of Tajikistan under the item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance".

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[4] See S/1997/686, para. 32.

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QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND RELATED MATTERS

Germany: amendments to draft resolution A/52/L.7

1. Second preambular paragraph

   (a) Replace the words "Noting the work of" by "Welcoming the progress made during its fifty-first session by";

   (b) Replace the word "of" after "representation" by "on".

2. Third preambular paragraph: delete the paragraph.

3. Operative paragraph 1: replace the existing paragraph by the following:

   "1. Recognizes the importance of treating Security Council reform as a matter of urgent attention, stresses that the matter shall not be subject to any imposed time frame, and therefore also recognizes the need to allow Member States adequate time to reflect and to reach general agreement;"

4. Operative paragraph 2: replace the words "with Charter amendment implications" by "which contains amendments to the Charter".

5. New operative paragraph 3

   (a) Add the following new paragraph 3:

   "3. Confirms that decisions on important questions of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting;"

(b) Replace the existing operative paragraph 3 by the following:

"4. Reiterates that the Open-Ended Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions as well as the views expressed during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, and submit a report to the Assembly before the end of its fifty-second session, including any agreed recommendations."

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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Sweden: draft resolution

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/194 of 17 December 1996 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/56 of 28 July 1995,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General,[1]

Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session in 1998 on the further progress by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee in the strengthening of the capacity of the United Nations in humanitarian assistance.

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[1] A/52/443.

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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Yemen: draft resolution

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 181 (II) of 29 November 1947, 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 3236 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3375 (XXX) and 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 31/20 of 24 November 1976, 32/40 A of 2 December 1977, 33/28 A and B of 7 December 1978, 34/65 A of 29 November 1979 and 34/65 C of 12 December 1979, ES-7/2 of 29 July 1980, 35/169 A and C of 15 December 1980, 36/120 A and C of 10 December 1981, ES-7/4 of 28 April 1982, 37/86 A of 10 December 1982, 38/58 A of 13 December 1983, 39/49 A of 11 December 1984, 40/96 A of 12 December 1985, 41/43 A of 2 December 1986, 42/66 A of 2 December 1987, 43/175 A of 15 December 1988, 44/41 A of 6 December 1989, 45/67 A of 6 December 1990, 46/74 A of 11 December 1991, 47/64 A of 11 December 1992, 48/158 A of 20 December 1993, 49/62 A of 14 December 1994, 50/84 A of 15 December 1995 and 51/23 of 4 December 1996,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,[1]

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 35 (A/52/35).

Recalling the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, including its Annexes and Agreed Minutes, by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993,[2] as well as the subsequent implementation agreements, in particular the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, signed in Washington, D.C., on 28 September 1995,[3]

Reaffirming that the United Nations has a permanent responsibility with respect to the question of Palestine until the question is resolved in all its aspects in a satisfactory manner in accordance with international legitimacy,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly;

2. Considers that the Committee can continue to make a valuable and positive contribution to international efforts to promote the effective implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements and to mobilize international support for and assistance to the Palestinian people during the transitional period;

3. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter VII of its report;

4. Requests the Committee to continue to keep under review the situation relating to the question of Palestine and to report and make suggestions to the General Assembly or the Security Council, as appropriate;

5. Authorizes the Committee to continue to exert all efforts to promote the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, to make such adjustments in its approved programme of work as it may consider appropriate and necessary in the light of developments, to give special emphasis to the need to mobilize support and assistance for the Palestinian people, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session and thereafter;

6. Requests the Committee to continue to extend its cooperation to non-governmental organizations in their contribution towards heightening international awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine and promoting support and assistance to meet the needs of the Palestinian people and to take the necessary steps to involve additional non-governmental organizations in its work;

7. Requests the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, established under General Assembly resolution 194 (III), and other United Nations bodies associated with the question of Palestine to continue to

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[2] A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

[3] A/51/889-S/1997/357, annex.

cooperate fully with the Committee and to make available to it, at its request, the relevant information and documentation which they have at their disposal;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the Committee to all the competent bodies of the United Nations, and urges them to take the necessary action, as appropriate;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with all the necessary facilities for the performance of its tasks.